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To: Labor Committee

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In Favor of HB 6555 Employee Working Conditions Committee forming

In December 2012 I researched what heating requirements are required for workers. I was told there are no heating requirements. This was in response to my observation of two separate groups working in temperatures below 32 degrees.

I propose working conditions of adequate heating be considered in the program to evaluate employee working conditions throughout the state.

On another related note to working condition safety:

I have appeared before you twice this year testifying of improper practices of Connecticut Workers Compensation.

These are the results of Connecticut official's treatment/benefits denials to work related injury of accepted claims most related to unsafe conditions in the workplace.

Denied mental health & benefits, man threatens commit playground massacre.

Denied mental health & benefits mother stabs daughter.

Denied benefits, blinded nurse handcuffs self to Middletown WC office building.

Denied benefits man hangs self in hallway, wife discovers.

Denied benefits man dies in surgery due to medical delays by WC.

Denied benefits, subjected to deposition, man collapses with heart attack and dies at deposition.

Denied benefits, family goes in \$100,000 debt for medical treatment.

Denied benefits, upon appeal to CRB, WC Chairman dismisses case due to claimant instability.

California – 57 y/o man opens fire on Workers Compensation Office over WC benefits denial.

New York – 35 y/o kills 8 persons on Long Island Railroad over WC benefits denial.

The effects on family

"It's totally devastating to a family, it literally rips them apart."

"I'm not getting any benefits. My wife and I couldn't get along because of financial problems. I wound up getting divorced losing my house and so I don't live at the house any more. I had to move out."

"The insurance company, backed up by Workers Compensation, is able to arbitrarily cease medical treatment, physical therapy, surgeries and medication without consequence"

" In six years of delays and denials, her case management through workers compensation has been barbaric, uncivilized, detrimental and unconscionable." Treating Physician

"Wife begs for help, save our family. BSO. Writes letter to Workers Compensation Commissioner who dismisses her as a liar." Result – Divorce and messed up children.

Lastly I spoke in February to you of Colin Ferguson and the shooting rampage on the Long Island Railroad which killed seven and injured a dozen more.

At that time I asked you questions of where Depositions and Telephone Denials are permitted in Workers Compensation and you did not respond because.

Here is a question I don't expect a response.

What would you have asked Colin Ferguson if he had presented his horror stories of workers compensation corruption to you on the eve before the LIRR massacre?

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